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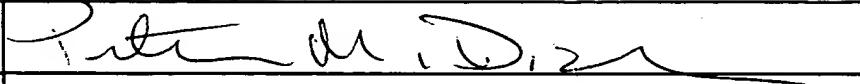
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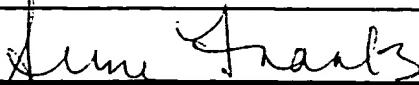
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Reply

This reply is in response to the Office Action of October 4, 2001.

***In the Claims***

Please amend the claims to read as follows. A marked up version of the claims is provided as Attachment A. Unamended claims are also shown for convenience but in smaller font size.

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1. (Amended) A method of unsupervised training of acoustic models of a segmentation-based automatic speech recognition system, comprising the steps of:  
receiving correct alignment data that represents a correct segment alignment of an utterance that was received by the speech recognition system;  
receiving wrong alignment data that represents an alignment of the utterance that is known to be incorrect based on information received from the speech recognition system and describing the utterance;  
identifying a first phoneme in the correct alignment data that corresponds to a second phoneme in the wrong alignment data and in which the first phoneme received a worse recognizer score than the second phoneme;  
modifying a first acoustic model of the first phoneme by moving at least one mean value thereof closer to the feature values used to score the first phoneme.
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